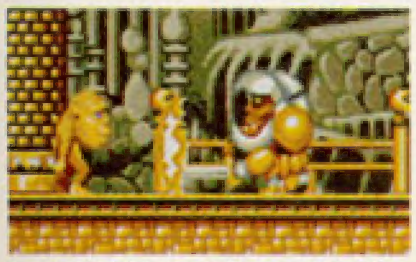
LICENCES ABOUND

Whether it started life as a coin-op, movie, TV show or even board game, licensed products are once again splattering themselves all over the chart, particularly the bottom end. *Manchester United*,



Ocean's *Toki* – excellent conversion slowly climbing up the chart.

the budget *Lombard RAC Rally* and Ocean France's excellent conversion of little known coin-op *Toki* lead the pack, but down at the bottom end The Hit Squad's relentless schedule of movie tie-ins and old coin-ops are everywhere.

ATTACK OF THE BUDGIES

Good old budget games are out in force this month with an almost unprecedented 59 low-costers packing out the top 100. Original cheapos like Code Masters' *Fantasy World Dizzy* and *Full Contact* from Team 17 have made a good showing for themselves, taking up 13 slots. But it's with re-releases that the real action is – no less than 39 titles are back in the charts as budget games, headed by *RAC Lombard Rally*, and *Xenon II*, both of which have enjoyed lengthy runs.

***Lombard RAC* – back on budget.**

Compilations aren't as prolific as in summer's gone by, but the best buys must be *Populous/Sim City* from Infogrames, and Ocean's *Rainbow Collection*. Many publishers are scooping up old games into big boxes as you read this, and we reckon the current tally of four chart compilations'll double within the next two months.

North And South from Action Sixteen seems to have caught gamers' imaginations – it's been hovering around the top of the charts for four months now, which is something special for a strategy game, no matter how bizarre.

Brand new full price games

***Populous* – now bundled with *Sim City* in one superb bargain pack.**

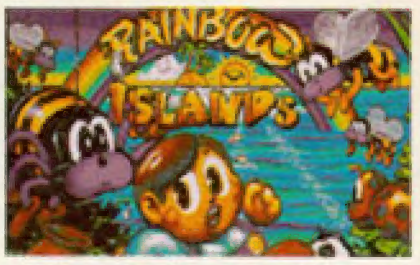
AMIGA POWER GALLUP CHARTS

AMIGA TOP 100

***** Exceptional ***** Nearly there **** Very good *** Has its moments ** Flawed * Grim

1 (3) MANCHESTER UNITED EUROPE Krisalis £25.99 ****
2 (2) FULL CONTACT Team 17 £9.99 ***
3 (1) F-15 STRIKE EAGLE II MicroProse £29.99 *****
4 (6) THE SECRET OF MONKEY ISLAND US Gold £29.99 *****
5 (10) FANTASY WORLD DIZZY Code Masters £6.99 ****
6 (4) LOMBARD RAC RALLY The Hit Squad £7.99 ***
7 (8) PGA TOUR GOLF Electronic Arts £25.99 *****
8 (5) XENON 2 Mirror Image £9.99 *****
9 (62) PRO BOXING Code Masters £7.99 *
10 (NE) TV SPORTS FOOTBALL Mirror Image £9.99 **

11 (9) NORTH AND SOUTH
Action Sixteen £7.99 ****
12 (7) EYE OF THE BEHOLDER
US Gold £30.99 *****
13 (11) LEMMINGS Psygnosis £25.55 *****
14 (16) LITTLE PUFF IN DRAGONLAND
Code Masters £6.99 **
15 (17) NINJA RABBITS Micro Value £6.99
16 (12) DEFENDER OF THE CROWN
Mirror Image £9.99 ***
17 (13) MIAMI CHASE
Code Masters £7.99 ****
18 (15) 3D POOL Mirror Image £9.99 ****
19 (27) TREASURE ISLAND DIZZY
Code Masters £4.99 ****
20 (25) TOKI Ocean £24.99 *****
21 (21) WATERLOO Mirror Image £9.99 **
22 (25) SWITCHBLADE 2 Gremlin £25.99 *****
23 (NE) RUN THE GAUNTLET
Hit Squad £7.99 *
24 (10) HERO QUEST
Gremlin Graphics £25.99 ****
25 (24) GODS Renegade £25.53 *****
26 (19) ARMOUR-GEDDON
Psygnosis £25.99 ****
27 (37) WORLD CLASS LEADERBOARD
Kixx £7.99 *****
28 (43) R-TYPE Hit Squad £7.99 *****
29 (33) ROCKET RANGER
Mirror Image £9.99 ****
30 (30) CARRIER COMMAND
Mirror Image £9.99 *****
31 (NE) THE GAMES: SUMMER EDITION
Kixx £7.99 **
32 (29) LIFE & DEATH
Mindscape £25.53 ***
33 (26) RAILROAD TYCOON
MicroProse £34.99 ****
34 (NE) RAINBOW COLLECTION
Ocean £29.99 *****
35 (37) CHUCK ROCK
Core Design £25.53 *****
36 (86) ZAK McKRAKEN US Gold £24.95 **
37 (42) CJ'S ELEPHANT ANTICS
Code Masters £6.99 **
38 (88) CLASSIC 4 Energize £6.99 **
39 (31) CALIFORNIA GAMES Kixx £7.99 **
40 (45) SUPERCARS 2
Gremlin Graphics £19.99 ***
41 (19) KICK OFF – WINNING TACTICS
Anco £12.99
42 (23) RAMBO III Hit Squad £7.99 *
43 (70) OUT RUN Klassix £7.99 *
44 (40) VIOLATOR Code Masters £7.99 ***
45 (52) SIM CITY / POPULOUS
Infogrames £29.99 *****
46 (NE) WINGS OF FURY Domark £9.99 ***
47 (75) POWER UP Ocean £29.99 ****
48 (21) INTERNATIONAL KARATE +
Hit Squad £7.99 *****
49 (81) F/A-18 INTERCEPTOR
Electronic Arts £10.99 ****
50 (35) THREE STOOGES
Mirror Image £9.99 **
51 (56) SPIRIT OF EXCALIBUR
Virgin Games £29.99 **
52 (NE) SECRET OF THE SILVER BLADES
US Gold £29.99
53 (NE) BEACH VOLLEY Hit Squad £7.99 *
54 (61) OPERATION WOLF
Hit Squad £7.99 ****
55 (36) SPEEDBALL 2 Mirrorsoft £24.99 *****
56 (53) SPEEDBALL Mirror Image £9.99 *****
57 (NE) NAVY SEALS Ocean £24.99 ***
58 (NE) DUNGEONS... AND EVERYTHIN'
Atlantis £6.99 *
59 (87) PREDATOR Hit Squad £7.99 ***
60 (83) DALEY THOMPSON Hit Squad £7.99 **
61 (51) SUPER HANG-ON
Hit Squad £7.99 ****
62 (63) CENTURION Electronic Arts £25.99 ***
63 (60) FINAL WHISTLE Anco £12.99 ****
64 (NE) IMPOSSAMOLE GBH £7.99 *
65 (84) MOONWALKER Kixx £7.99 *
66 (49) 3D CONSTRUCTION KIT
Domark £49.99 ****
67 (71) FAST FOOD Code Masters £6.99 ***
68 (80) POWERMONGER
Electronic Arts £29.99 *****
69 (NE) RED HEAT Hit Squad £7.99 *
70 (NE) PREDATOR 2 Mirrorsoft £25.99 **
71 (RE) WARHEAD Activision £24.95 ****
72 (NE) CONTINENTAL CIRCUS
Mastertronic £7.99 **
73 (50) PASSING SHOT
Mirror Image £9.99 **
74 (78) AFTERBURNER Hit Squad £7.99 *
75 (38) CRICKET SIMULATOR
Soundware £24.99 *
76 (NE) PARIS DAKAR Tomahawk £7.99 *
77 (98) JAMES POND Millennium £24.99 ****
78 (59) FLOOD Electronic Arts £10.99 ****
79 (NE) SUPER LEAGUE Energize £7.99
80 (97) ESWAT US Gold £24.99 *
81 (41) KICK OFF + EXTRA TIME
Anco £7.99 *****
82 (95) TRACK SUIT MANAGER
Alternative £7.99 **
83 (54) SUPER MONACO GRAND PRIX
US Gold £25.53 ***
84 (77) EURO SUPERLEAGUE CDS £24.99 **
85 (79) ASTERIX Electronic Zoo £7.99
86 (64) LAST NINJA 2 Hit Squad £7.99 **
87 (73) PLATOON Hit Squad £7.99 ***
88 (72) DOUBLE DRAGON
Mastertronic £9.99 *
89 (39) MEGA TRAVELLER 1
Empire £29.99 *****
90 (55) BRAT Image Works £25.99 ***
91 (RE) EYE OF HORUS Millennium £24.99 **
92 (32) STREET FIGHTER Kixx £9.99 *
93 (40) MERCS US Gold £25.99 ***
94 (58) NEUROMANCER
Electronic Arts £25.99 **
95 (47) LINE OF FIRE US Gold £24.99 **
96 (RE) INDY 500 Electronic Arts £24.99 *****
97 (57) PANZA KICK BOXING US Gold £24.99
98 (RE) SILKWORM Mastertronic £6.99
99 (67) ADVANCED FRUIT MACHINE
Code Masters £6.99 **
100 (100) JUNGLE BOOK
Electronic Zoo £7.99 *



***Rainbow Islands* – one of three classics in the *Rainbow Collection*.**

are still desperately thin on the ground, and it's the old guard (*Lemmings*, *Toki*, *Monkey Island* et al) which are still holding strong. Mind you, with so many crackers speeding toward the shops, we expect the budgies to be taking a back seat over the coming months.

WHO'S TOP OF THE POPS?

Ocean and US Gold between them account for 32 percent of the chart (we're including budget label releases here) with Mirrorsoft coming in third place with 12 charted games. Maths fans will have worked out that the big three are taking up nearly half the chart. Other worthy mentions are Code Masters with nine games and Electronic Arts with seven. The likes of Virgin, Domark, MicroProse, Mindscape and Gremlin all have between one and five games in the charts, but most of these publishers seem to have decided to hold back all their goodies until October.

THE AMIGA POWER CHARTS: HOW THEY'RE WORKED OUT

- The Amiga Power charts are put together for us by Gallup (the folk who do the BBC pop charts among many others) based on a continuing survey of sales in a wide cross section of shops up and down the country – both independent computer stores and large chains like WH Smith. As such they're the most comprehensive charts it's possible to bring you. Doing things so comprehensively takes time, though – the chart above relates to sales during the July period.
- There's no dividing the charts into 'Budget' and 'Full Price' sections for us – we're sure you're perfectly capable of doing that for yourselves if you want to – so the list you see here includes games at every price point. This way, you can see just how important budget sales are to the overall market – at this time of year, with few big name titles being released, very important indeed.
- Each game is rated out of five stars (five red stars for the really, really excellent ones) using the same system as in The Bottom Line, to give you some idea of how good the things that are selling really are. Games which don't get any stars aren't necessarily total rubbish – they just happen to be the ones we've never really played, so can't properly comment on. Having said that though, there has to be a reason why nobody in the office has ever found it within themselves to sit down with them, hasn't there..?